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NOTICE OF APPEAL FROM THE DECISION OF THE EXAMINER TO THE BOARD OF PATENT APPEALS AND INTERFERENCES

Sir:

Applicants hereby appeal the Final Rejection of Claims 1 - 8 in the Examiner's Final Office Action of March 23, 2006 to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences.

Enclosed is a Pre-Appeal Brief Request for Review and Statement of Reasons.

The Commissioner is authorized to deduct the amount of \$500.00 for the Notice of Appeal Fee from Deposit Account 090461. Please deduct any additional fee which may be necessary or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 090461.

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being submitted electronically to the COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS on June 22, 2006.

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